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TRI-STATE CONGRESS

In Wheeling, West Virginia, at the local YMCA club rooms the annual Tri-State Congress was held.

Playing rooms assigned to our group were quiet, commodious and comfortable and Mr. A. W. Paull, Sr., who is an "elder statesman" in West Virginia chess as well as a prominent local manufacturer, not only acted as a most thoughtful host, but played through the five sessions of the Ohio Valley open event.

The championship round in which Dr. Werthammer and Charles Morgan were entered for West Virginia, was won by Frank Ferryman of Middleton, Ohio (4½-½). Private Harkins, also representing Ohio, was second.

JUNIOR EVENT

In the junior championship, Ohio players again won first and second places. Jud Webb of Columbus with a score of 5½-½ was the winner, seconded by Phil Roth, also of Columbus, whose score was 4½-1½. Donald Burdick sustained a last minute disappointment and was unable to attend the junior event.

Howard Cartee of Huntington, our current junior champion, and a young newcomer, Allan Burt, played for West Virginia.

The "Ohio Valley Open" was contested by 20 players, including 14 from Ohio and 6 from West Virginia. Again Ohio players were successful. James Schroeder, Columbus, scored

4½-½, and Tim Anderson, also of Columbus, tied for second place with A. Nasvytis of Cleveland, Ohio.

Tabulation of the three events may be found on bulletin insert.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT WHEELING, W. VA.

Entry Fees—20 at \$3.00 \$60.00

Expenses:

Hobby Sport Shop—

4 Trophies—
engraved \$34.60

6 Score pads 2.80

2 Wallet Sets
at \$1.50 3.00

1 Travel Set 3.50

1 Travel Set 2.00

Mr. Byland
(present) 12.00 57.90

BALANCE \$ 2.10

HIGH SCHOOL CHESS MATCH

A team of six from Huntington East High School, led by Howard Cartee, defeated a team of the same number from Huntington High School captained by Ted Baker.

The YMCA donated a playing room on Sunday afternoon, November 7, and the match was refereed, in the absence of Paul Sayre, by your editor.

Huntington East won by a score of 7½-4½. Two rounds were played, and games were won by Cartee, Tom Ingersoll, Charles Mackey, and Charles Moeser for East and by Dick

8 . . . O-O; 9 KBxN, PxB; 10 BxN, BxB; 11 P-K5, P-B4!
An amazing resource which completely turns the tables.
12 Q-KB4, B-N4; 13 Q-B4, PxP; 14 QxBP
If QxQP, QxQ followed by B-N2, or 14 NxP, B-K3.
14 . . . R-K; 15 N-B3
Better KN-K2 because White is now kept from castling.
15 . . . B-QR3!
This ties White up.
16 R-Q, B-QB5; 17 NxP, R-QB; 18 Q-Q4, Q-R4ch; 19 N-B3
Not much better is Q-B3, QxN!!
20 RxQ, BxR and White either has to return the Q or be mated.
19 . . . R-B4; 20 R-Q3
The only move to stave off immediate defeat though it loses the Exchange.
20 . . . BxR; 21 QxB, R-Q; 22 Q-B2, B-B5; 23 O-O, QxP; 24 P-KN3, B-R3; 25 QxPeh, KxQ; 26 NxQ, R-B7
Black now has a won end game though White fights back valiantly.
27 R-N, R-QN; 28 N-Q4, R/IxP; 29 RxR, RxR 30 N-QB3, B-Q7; 31 N-Q5, B-K8
It is unnecessary to win the White KEP, P-R4-R5 etc. wins easily.
32 N-KB3, BxPeh; 33 K-B, B-B4; N-N5ch, K-N3
Better K-N.
35 P-KR4, P-B3; 36 PxP, Pxp; 37 NxP
A miscalculation hoping for KxN, 38 N-K4ch winning the B. But also 37 N-K4 won't do. After B'ack plays B-Q5 the advance of the QRP easily decides.
37 . . . R-B7ch, Resigns.

JOTTINGS

WVCA wishes its friends and well and every one a happy and successful New Year.

Werthammer played in the Central Open Championship Milwaukee, Wis., on November He also played in Tennessee Championship at Bristol, Va. over the New Year's week. In both events he attained a score. Details are in Chess Life.
Ald Burdick, presently a freshman at Duke University, James Ball presently a corporal at Fort Ky., were welcome callers during the holidays.
We are not too early for our membership to give thought to the Annual Tournament meeting place. It is seasonable to mention that we are always acceptable and will be sent to our Secretary-Treasurer.

GAMES SECTION

The first three games are annotated by Dr. Werthammer, the other by Donald Burdick.

I-I-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

— 1954 —
Forethought
prepared variation in the QGD off.

WALTON'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Waltz vs. S. Werthammer
Q4, P-Q4; 2 P-QB4, P-K3; 3 B3, N-KB3; 4 B-N5, P-B4
very tricky variation.
QP, BxP; 6 QxP, B-K2; 7 P-N-B3; 8 B-N5
Q2 is much better; unless this is known in all its ramifications it looks like White obtains a advantage.

OHIO VALLEY OPEN

— 1954 —
In a Nutshell
Here is the story: White sticks a finger in Black's mouth and gets bit'en (by quite youthful teeth it seems).
PHILIDOR DEFENSE
E. E. Stearns vs. R. T. Neel
1 P-K4, P-Q3; 2 P-Q4, N-Q2; 3 N-KB3, P-K4; 4 KB-B4, B-K2; 5 N-B3,

Tri-State Championships

Wheeling, West Virginia — November 13-14, 1954



SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1. Ferryman, Frank, Middletown, O.	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	4 1/2 - 1/2
2. Harkins, J. L., Jr., Cleveland, O.	0	0	1	1/2	1	1	3 1/2 - 1 1/2
3. McClellan, D. H., Pittsburgh, Pa.	0	0	0	0	1	1	2 - 3
4. Morgan, Charles, Charleston	1/2	1/2	1	0	0	0	2 - 3
5. Werthammer, Dr. S., Huntington	0	0	0	1	1	1	2 - 3
6. Waltz, J. Glenn, Pittsburgh, Pa.	0	0	0	1	0	0	1 - 4

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	1	2	3	4	5	Total	
1. Webb, Jud, Columbus, O.	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	5 1/2 - 1/2
2. Rothman, Phil, Columbus, O.	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	4 1/2 - 1 1/2
3. Cartee, Howard, Huntington	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 - 4
4. Burt, Allan, Wheeling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 - 6

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1. Schroeder, James, Columbus W11	W3	W5	W6	D2		4 1/2 - 1/2
2. Anderson, Tim, Columbus D4	W10	W17	W9	D1		4 - 1
3. Nasvytis, A., Cleveland W14	L1	W18	W8	W7		4 1/2 - 1
4. Owens, S. R., Avon Lake D2	W13	W14	D7	D5		3 1/2 - 1 1/2
5. Neel, Rudd T., Huntington W19	W9	L1	W13	D4		3 1/2 - 1 1/2
6. Stauvers, D., Cleveland W16	W18	D7	L1	W10		3 - 2
7. Loening, K. L., Columbus W17	W8	D6	D4	L3		3 - 2
8. Mann, Walter, Columbus W15	L7	W12	L3	D9		2 1/2 - 2 1/2
9. Stearns, E. E., Cleveland W12	L5	W16	L2	D8		2 1/2 - 2 1/2
10. Bergquist, T. O., Huntington D13	L2	W19	W16	L6		2 1/2 - 2 1/2
11. Platau, G. O., Columbus L1	L17	W20	W14	D12		2 1/2 - 2 1/2
12. MacKenzie, R., Cincinnati L9	W19	L8	W17	D11		2 1/2 - 2 1/2
13. Rebold, W., Columbus D10	L4	W15	L5	D16		2 - 3
14. Ritter, C. L., Wheeling L3	W15	L4	L11	W20		2 - 3
15. Keeney, S. S., Cleveland L8	L14	L13	W18	W17		2 - 3
16. McClellan, Dr. H., Xenia, O. L6	W20	L9	L10	D13		1 1/2 - 3 1/2
17. Hayward, Dr. V. S., Htg. L7	W11	L2	L12	L15		1 - 4
18. Paull, A. W., Wheeling W20	L6	L3	L15	L19		1 - 4
19. Allison, M. H., Columbus L5	L12	L10	L20	W18		1 - 4
20. Brown, James, Columbus L18	L16	L11	W19	L14		1 - 4

P-QB3; 6 O-O, KN-B3; 7 Q-K2
 A regular Hanham variation of the Philidor has resulted. Better for White is P-QR4. The square K2 has to be left open for one of the Ns.
7 . . . PxP; 8 NxP, N-K4; 9 B-N3, O-O; 10 P-B4, N-N3; 11 K-R, Q-R4; 12 P-B5.

Better is P-KR3, followed by B-K3.
12 . . . N-K4; 13 B-Q2, Q-Q; 14 P-KR3, P-QR4; 15 N-B3, P-QN3

Black moves first on the Q-wing.
16 NxN, PxN; 17 R-B3, B-R3; 18 Q-B2, P-QN4; 19 R-K7

An incorrect sacrifice. White will not have compensation.
19 . . . P-R5; 20 NxRP, PxN; 21 BxRP, B-N4; 22 BxB, PxB; 23 P-R3, R-R5; 24 P-QN4, Q-R

Black's attack is in full swing.
25 Q-K2, Q-B3; 26 R-B3, Q-N2; 27 B-B, R-Q; 28 B-N2, R/5-R; 29 P-N4, R-Q5!

A daring way to attack White's center.
30 R-K3, R-B5; 31 BxP, N-Q2; 32 B-N2, R/1-QB; 33 P-B3
 Pitiful necessity.

33 . . . N-K4; 34 Q-N2, B-N4; 35 P-KR4

White has to give up the Exchange.
 On R-N3 follows B-B5 and on R/3-K2, N-Q6 and B5 also winning the Exchange. The end is easy for Black.
35 . . . BxR; 36 RxB, R-Q; 37 Q-K2, Q-Q2; 38 K-N2, Q-Q7; 39 K-N3, QxQ; 40 RxQ, R-Q6ch; 41 K-B4, P-B3; 42 R-KB2, R-Q8; 43 K-N3, RxKP; 44 P-N5, R-N5ch; 45 K-R3, R-Q6ch; 46 K-R2, RxPch; 47 K-N2, R-N5ch; 48 K-B, RxNP and wins.

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

— 1954 —

Close-fisted Chess
 The tournament winner is held to a draw and has to fight for it.
F. Ferryman vs.

C. T. Morgan
FRENCH DEFENSE
1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 P-K5, P-QB4; 4 P-QB3, N-QB3; 5 N-KB3, Q-N3; 6 B-K2, PxP; 7 PxP, B-N5ch; 8 N-B3, KN-K2; 9 P-QR3, BxNch; 10 PxB, B-Q2

Black is restricted and weak on the black squares but he can attack the White QBP, the base of the White pawn-chain.

11 O-O, P-QR4 followed by B-R3 is preferable.
11 . . . R-QB

N-R4 at once. Each side is rather slow in preparing for battle. The QR should be on QN to support the advance of the Q-side Ps.

12 B-Q2, N-R4; 13 R-QN, Q-B2; 14 N-K, O-O; 15 P-KB4, P-KB4

At once N-B5 followed by P-QN4. Black has nothing to fear.

16 R-B3, P-QN3
 Unnecessary. Again N-B5 and P-QN4.

17 R-R3, B-K; 18 N-B3, P-KR3; 19 B-R6, R-Q

Better R-N threatening P-QN4.
20 N-R4, N-B5; 21 BxN, QxB?

While Black has all the play (White's attack on the Black K bites on granite) this move throws the advantage away. Much better PxB gaining the strong point Q4 for this N and an open diagonal for his B.
22 R-N4, Q-R3; 23 B-B, R-B; 24 P-N4, R-QB3; 25 PxP, NxP; 26 NxN, RxN; 27 Q-N4, K-R2; 28 Q-N2, R-QB2; 29 R-KN3, B-R4; 30 R-N, Q-K7
 Leading to a draw. But Black has nothing better.

31 QxQ, BxQ; 32 K-B2, B-Q8; 33 B-Q2, B-B7; 34 R-QB, Drawn.

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— 1954 —

No Profit

Black offers a P for development, but it is White who gets the development.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

D. Burdick vs.
E. Foy

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 P-Q4, PxP; 4 NxP, N-B3; 5 N-QB3, P-KN3; 6 B-K3

Better is NxN at once.

6 . . . B-N2; 7 NxN, NPxN; 8 P-K5, N-Q4

Rather than play . . . N-N, Black embarks on a speculative sacrifice.

9 N×N, P×N; 10 Q×P, R-N; 11 B-QB4, O-O; 12 O-O

To defend the KNP. White's position is somewhat loose.

12 . . . , Q-B2

Here or later Black cannot play RxQNP because of B-N3.

13 P-B4, B-N2; 14 Q-Q3, B-QR

Black's best chance for counterplay is 14 . . . , P-Q3.

15 R-B2, KR-Q; 16 B-Q4, P-K3

This prevents P-K6 by White, but it seriously weakens Black's K-side.

17 B-N3, P-Q4; 18 R-K, B-QB3; 19 P-N4, B-N4; 20 Q-K3, R-R

A waste of time. P-QR4 at once is better but Black is probably lost in any event.

21 P-B5, B-B; 22 P-B6, P-QR4; 23 P-B3

Not B-N6 for Black could win back the exchange and free his position by B-QB4 at the proper moment.

23 . . . , R/Q-B; 24 R-B3, P-R5; 25 B-B2, B-B5; 26 R-R3, R/R-N; 27 R-R4, Q-Q

The only defense to the threat of 28 Q-R3 followed by 29 R×P.

28 Q-R3, P-R3; 29 B-K3, R×P; 30 B×RP, R×B; 31 B×B, Q-N3ch; 32 K-R, R×Pch

One last trap. If 33 K×R??, Q-B7ch, Black has at least a draw.

33 Q×R, Resigns.

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Coup de Main

White cedes his advantage when he exchanges Qs. Black swiftly re-

groups and picks up a piece.

DUTCH DEFENSE

P. Sayre vs.

D. Burdick

1 P-Q4, P-KB4; 2 P-QB4, P-K3; 3 N-QB3, N-KB3; 4 P-KN3, B-K2; 5 B-N2, O-O; 6 P-Q5

Unusual but not bad.

6 . . . , P-K4; 7 P-K4, P-Q3; 8 P-B4, Q-K

8 . . . , P×KP; 9 N×P, QN-Q2 is better.

9 Q-K2, P×KP; 10 N×P, B-B4

Here again QN-Q2 is better.

11 N×Nch, B×N; 12 P-KN4, B-Q2;

13 P-B5, B-R5ch; 14 K-Q, N-R3

Black is having trouble developing normally.

15 N-B3, B-K2; 16 B-N5

White wishes to place his N at K6, but this plan takes too long and leads to too many exchanges. After 16 N-N5, B×N; 17 B×B White should win by virtue of a K side attack and the 2 Bs.

16 . . . , R-N; 17 Q-KB2, N-B4; 18 Q-R4, R-B2; 19 B×B, Q×B; 20 Q×Q, R×Q; 21 N-N5, P-N4

The open file will greatly benefit Black.

22 P-N3, P×P; 23 P×P, R-N7; 24 B-B3, R-K; 25 N-K6?

This loses, but Black has the advantage in any event.

25 . . . , B-R5ch; 26 K-K, N-Q6ch; Resigns.

If 27 K-B, R-B7ch wins the B.

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